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- The following observations were made at the Gadow-Rossov bombing range on 10 and 11 September 1954:

10 September. About 1600, it was observed from the Gadow-Rossov road that a MiG-15 over Jagen (forest district) 14/15 climbed steeply to an altitude of about 2,000 meters. Shortly afterwards, a detonation was heard. Since the aircraft subsequently headed in the direction of Wittstock it was believed that it had approached from the direction of Rossov. These practices were repeated by about 15 MiG-15s at intervals of 3 to 4 minutes. The ground view was obstructed because of hilly terrain and trees. It was believed that the aircraft approached a target in Jagen 14/15 at a very low altitude. After each approach, the detonation of a bomb was clearly heard. The aircraft had no auxiliary fuel tanks. There was no firing with aircraft armament. There was a 4/10 overcast at an altitude of 2,000 to 3,000 meters and good visibility. ¹

At about 2030, bomb detonations were again heard from Jagen 14/15. The aircraft had set position lights flew and dropped their bombs from altitudes between 1,500 and 2,000 meters. At an altitude of about 500 meters the bombs gave off a fiery glow which emanated from the tail and looked like a comet. When the bomb struck the ground, there was a loud flash of fire and subsequently a detonation was heard. Each aircraft dropped one bomb. The aircraft appeared at intervals of 8 to 10 minutes from the direction of Rossov and disappeared toward the northeast. At 2200, bombing practices still continued. ²

11 September. Beginning at 0900, Il-28s approached the Gadow-Rossov bombing range from the direction of Rossov at intervals of about 15 minutes. Each of the aircraft dropped one bomb from the altitude of approach which was 3,000 to 4,000 meters. After the dropping of bombs, heavy detonations were heard. The aircraft disappeared in the direction of Zechlin. Since 40 to 50 percent of the bombs were dropped in Jagen 42/43, it was believed that the target was located there. Other bombs hit in Jagen 24, 29, 34, 46, and 54 kicking up sand columns. There was a 5/10 overcast at an altitude of about 3,000 meters, good visibility and strong wind.


- Between 1410 and 1430, on 26 August 1954, 28 Il-28s approached the Gadow bombing range in formations of four. Several detonations of bombs were heard in the same time.

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 Comment. The dropping of bombs by MiG-15s approaching in low-level flight is reported for the first time.

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 Comment. From the fact that the aircraft practicing at night dropped their bombs in horizontal flight from a medium altitude, it is inferred that they were Il-28s.

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